



Board of Park Commissioners
November 20, 2025
Eastside Lakefront Update



Cleveland Metroparks – Eastside Lakefront Updates

- Recent Community Open House
- Mandel Community Trail
- Patrick S. Parker Community Sailing Center
- Gordon Park North
- Gordon Park South
- Cleveland Harbor Eastern Embayment Resilience Strategy (CHEERS)
- Euclid Beach Connector
- Euclid Beach Master Planning



Eastside Lakefront Community Open House

- Over 80 attendees
- Organized by Cleveland Metroparks with support from St. Clair Superior
- 12 table exhibits from partners and community organizations
- Panel discussion about community-based efforts, lakefront projects, and impacts of strong partnerships





Hosted by **CHEERS Partners**

Come hear the latest updates about lakefront and neighborhood projects including CHEERS! This event is hosted in cooperation with the St. Clair Superior Development Corporation and will serve as the November community meeting.



Tuesday November 18th, 2025

Refreshments provided!

4:30 - 6:30pm
Panel discussion begins at 5:15pm

Brian Zimmerman, CEO, Cleveland Metroparks
Jillian Svala, Assistant Program Director,
Jack, Joseph, and Morton Mandel Foundation
Terri Hamilton Brown, Executive Director, St. Clair
Superior Development Corporation
Linda Sternheimer, Senior VP Urban Planning and
Engagement, Port of Cleveland

SLOVENIAN NATIONAL HOME

6417 St Clair Ave
Cleveland, OH 44103

Free parking available behind the building (access from E 64th St, Addison Rd or Spilker Ave)



Mandel Community Trail – E.9th- E.55th



Late summer 2026 project completion

\$10.8 M construction contract; funding from Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Foundation, NOACA, Cleveland, and Cuyahoga County

- Cuyahoga County Public Works is managing construction
- Roadway is open to two-way traffic.
- Conduit and light pole foundations are under construction (north side of road)
- Traffic control will remain active
- **Paving is in place from SR 2 interchange to E55th**

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Mandel Community Trail – E.55th-MLK Jr. Blvd.

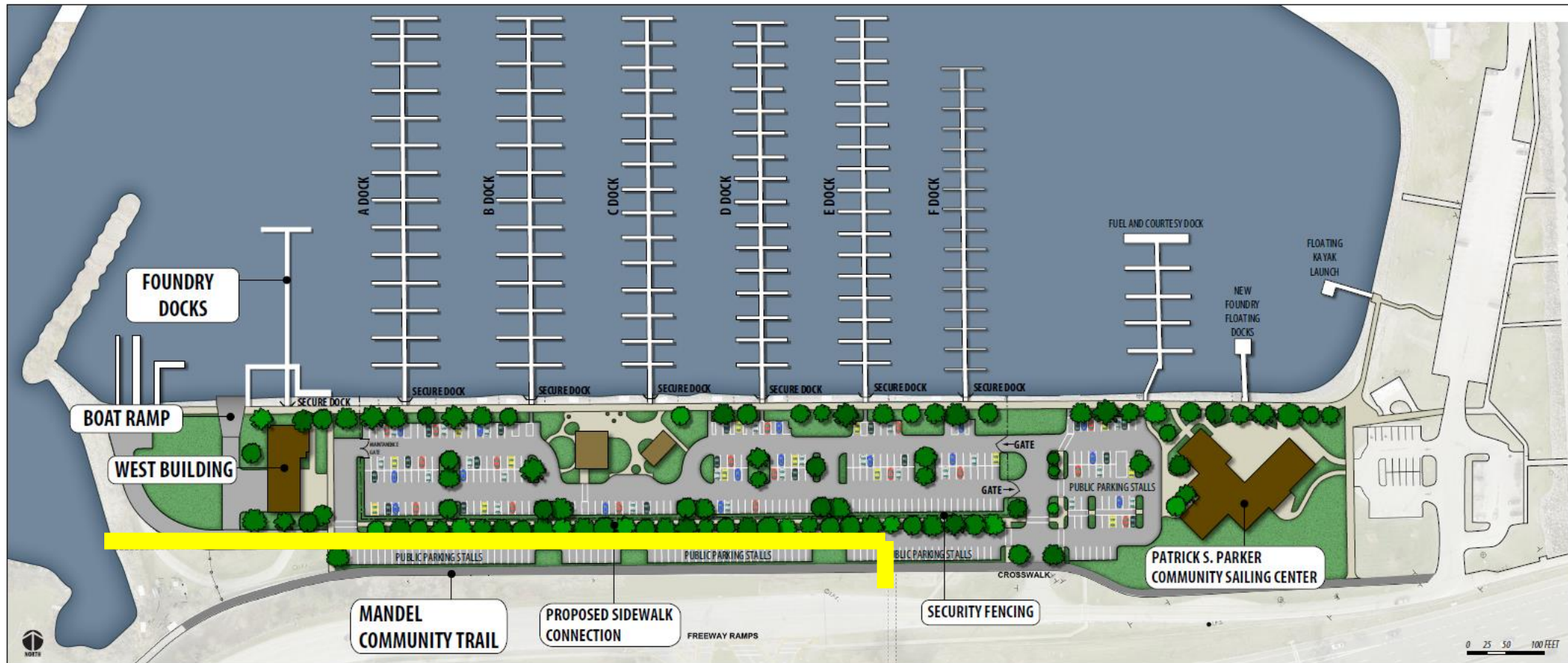


Placemaking, plantings, and wayfinding to be designed in-house

Michael Baker International is under contract for security and lighting design; preliminary engineering is underway

- Coordinating with additional North Gordon improvements
- Coordinating with the CHEERS Habitat Loop Early Action project

Mandel Community Trail – E.55th Marina



EAST 55TH MARINA CONCEPT PLAN - DRAFT

LAKEFRONT RESERVATION

TARGET IMPLEMENTATION DATE IS 2027

SEPTEMBER 2025



Patrick S. Parker Community Sailing Center East Building



Completion is on schedule for Memorial Day 2026

- Building will be under roof and weather tight in a few weeks
- Structural steel installation continues
- Second floor concrete slabs are underway
- Exterior framing is in progress; sheathing to begin in next week or two

Jack, Joseph, and Morton Mandel Boathouse West Building



Completion is on schedule for Memorial Day 2026

- Foundation work and underground utilities are complete
- Concrete floor slab will be poured very soon
- Pre-engineered metal building system to be delivered in November; vertical construction to begin shortly thereafter

Patrick S. Parker Community Sailing Center Construction Progress



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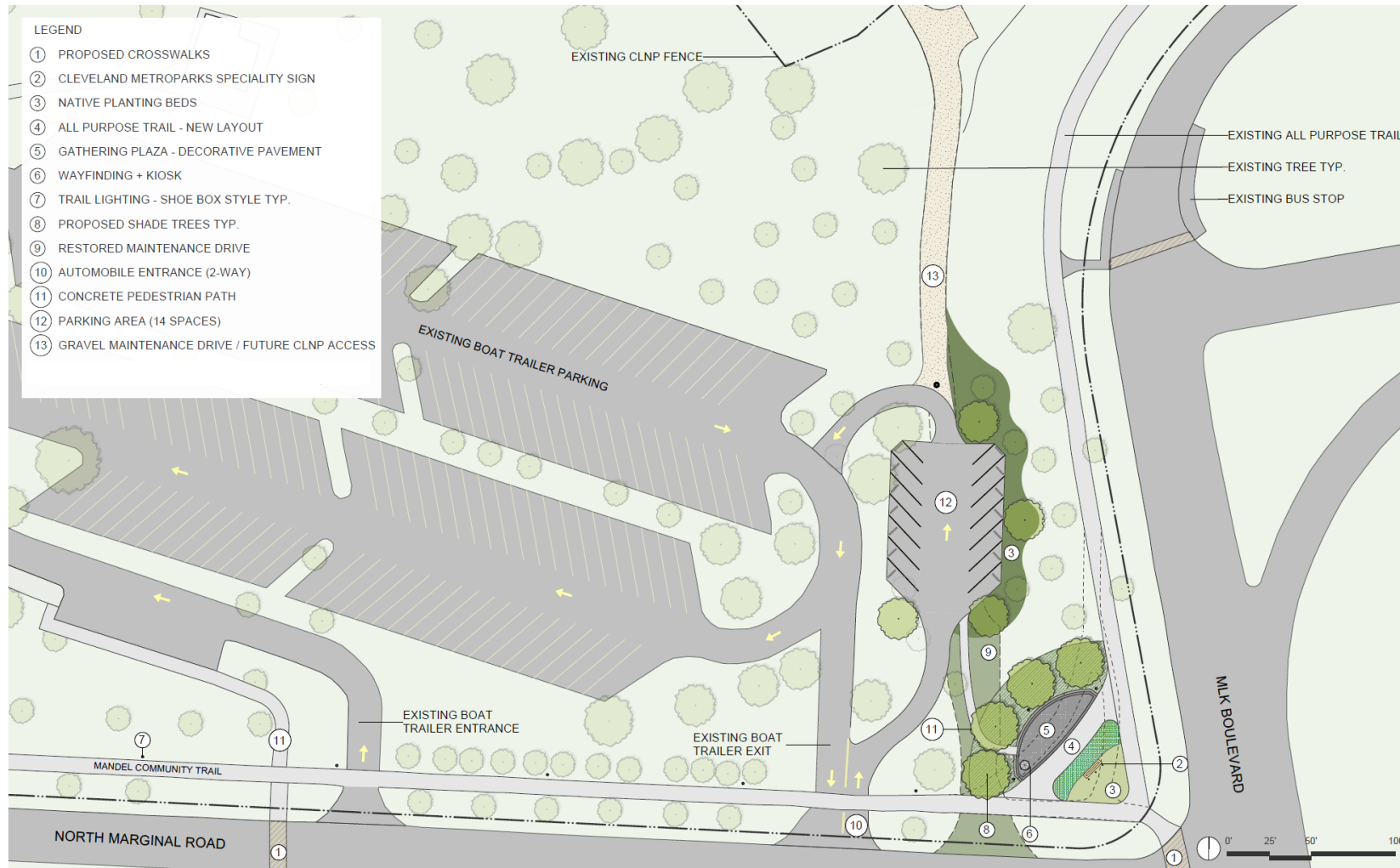
Patrick S. Parker Community Sailing Center



Mandel Community Trail – North Gordon Gateway



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Preliminary design of the proposed gateway feature at the North Marginal / MLK Jr. Boulevard intersection

The gateway will improve access and provide additional amenities

Construction Summer / Fall 2026

Elements include:

- Specialized entry signage
- Kiosk
- Plantings
- Lighting
- Wayfinding
- Stone seatwalls

Gordon Park South – 2024 Planning Process

- LANDstudio-led process
- General park layout remains the same
- Community priorities are reflected in initial phase of construction
- Ph. 1 provides fully functional park while setting the stage for future investment

PHASE 1 ENGAGEMENT

WHAT WE DID

We met the community through: mobile workshops, community gatherings, focus group meetings, and youth activities.

WHAT WE HEARD

Across our 16 community events, we met with residents, neighborhood organizations, and local leaders ranging across all ages and walks of life. Stories were heard, conversations were documented, and ideas were gathered to create a broad understanding of the local community's priorities in planning for the future of Gordon Park!

ACTIVE RECREATION



#1

Trails for Walking, Biking, Rollerblading, and Hiking



#2

Playground and Playscape



#3

Splash Park, Swimming, and Water Play

PASSIVE RECREATION



#1

Barbecue



#2

Watching Sunrise and Sunset



#3

Viewing Nature

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



#1

Food Trucks



#2

Art Shows with Temporary Murals and Sculptures



#3

Live Music and Music Festivals

AMENITIES AND FEATURES



#1

Public Restrooms



#2

Butterfly and Perennial Gardens



#3

Food, Beverage, Equipment Rental; Pavilion, Shelter, or Clubhouse

Gordon Park South – 2024 Planning Process

CONSENSUS CONCEPT



Gordon Park South – 2025 Updated Plan



Gordon Park Improvements



Gordon Park South Overall Park Plan Bird's Eye View



Gordon Park South – Phase 1 Improvements

- Construction March 2026
 - Additional site demolition and restoration
 - Construction of Phase I improvements
 - Restroom / comfort station
 - Park infrastructure including utilities, parking, paths, and road improvements
 - Picnic areas with barbeque grills
 - Signage, lighting, benches, and picnic tables
 - Picnic shelter
 - Tree planting and habitat areas
 - Great Lawn and Promenade (main loop trail)
 - Playground
- Phase 1 Open in 2027



Gordon Park South Phase 1 Play Area

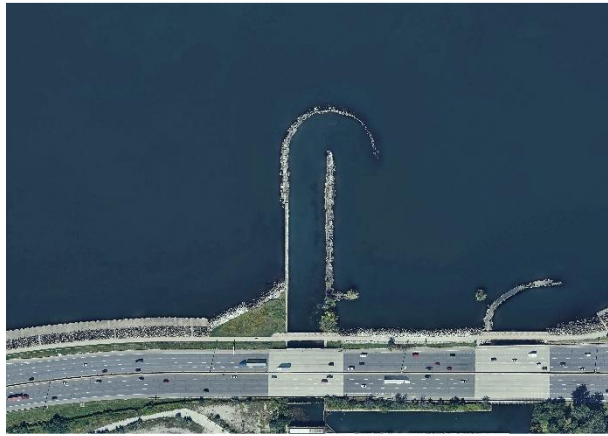


CHEERS Cleveland Harbor Eastern Embayment Resilience Strategy

- In-water design fully funded; currently at 60% milestone and being coordinate with USACE on a bi-weekly basis
- Potentially USACE's preferred alternative for the 20-year Cleveland Harbor Dredge Material Management Plan (DMMP) and possible cost-sharing agreement
- Habitat Loop Early Action Project design will be shovel-ready in early 2026
- Monthly meetings with 6 main partners + key stakeholders
- Quarterly stakeholder meetings incl. 50 organizations



CHEERS Habitat Loop Early Action Project



Existing Conditions



CHEERS

existing conditions



CLEVELAND METROPARKS

future habitat loop – early action project



CHEERS Benefit-Cost Analysis

CHEERS is a cost-effective, long-term investment in Cleveland's community and economy. For every dollar invested in CHEERS, the project is projected to generate **\$3.10 in benefits in return** *

3.1

Benefit-Cost Ratio under the base case scenario

Up to

\$4.1B

in total present value benefits under a high benefits scenario over the lifetime of the project

CHEERS will protect over

\$2B

in present value economic impact on port operations benefits under the base case scenario over its lifetime

CHEERS could support

\$18M

in property value uplift in Cleveland's East Side under the base case scenario



*This is an agency-agnostic BCA that follows industry standards in alignment with multiple federal agencies' methodologies. All benefit values are reported in present value 2024 dollars unless otherwise noted. Values are subject to change based on the year they are implemented.

CHEERS Workforce Development Plan

Goal: Ensure that the CHEERS project creates meaningful pathways to employment, particularly in neighboring communities.

- Identify workforce needs associated with the design, 20+ years of construction, and long-term stewardship of CHEERS, particularly in green infrastructure, marine construction, habitat restoration, and park operations.
- Assess existing training programs, identify gaps, and recommend strategies and partners to fill needed workforce gaps and connect underrepresented communities to emerging job opportunities.



Euclid Beach Connector Trail



Euclid Beach Connector Trail

- The Euclid Beach Connector Trail was identified as a priority during Cuyahoga County's 2021 Lakefront Public Access Plan
- When complete, this lakefront trail will link Euclid Beach to East 152nd Street while protecting the shoreline from additional erosion
- This Cuyahoga County-led effort has progressed through full design and permitting
- Funding is in place and construction will begin in early 2026
- Cleveland Metroparks will maintain the completed trail

EUCLID BEACH CONNECTOR VISION



CONNECTOR OVERVIEW



OUTFALL 206



SHORE ACRES



Euclid Beach Master Planning

Euclid Creek Lakefront Park Expansion

- 2021 - Western Reserve Land Conservancy led the process to protect 28.8 acres of lakefront property from development
- 2022 – 2023 - A public planning process resulted in designation of the property as public parkland to improve lakefront access
- Sept. 2025 - The property was transferred to Cleveland Metroparks
- Discussions are pending about a potential partnership with Cleveland Public Library's adjacent property and the desire to construct a replacement to the current Nottingham Branch





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